(ग) इस अंतर को पूरा करने तथा आंकड़ों के संतुलन के लिए कितना कर्ज लिए जाने की संभावना है, यदि नहीं, तो उपरोक्त अंतर को पूरा करने के अन्य स्रोत क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । ऋणों के अनुमान किए गए करारों और वितरणों की पूर्वानुमानित प्रगति पर आधारित है । वापसी-अदायगियों को घटाया कर विश्व बैंक से लिया गया ऋण वर्ष 1993–94 के बजट अनुमान में वर्ष 1992–93 के संशोधित अनुमान के 3040 करोड रुपए अथवा कुल प्राप्तियां के 3 प्रतिशत की तुलना में 3807 करोड़ रुपए अथवा कुल प्राप्तियां का 2.56 प्रतिशत है ।

(ग) चालू वर्ष के लिए बजट अनुमान में 4314 करोड रुपए का घाटा शेष रहता है जिसे राजकोष हुंडियों के निवल विस्तारण द्वारा पूरा किया जाता है ।

Import of cars for pedsonal use

2645. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign cars imported by Non resident Indians during the last three years, year-wise figures;

(b) the countries, from which these cars were imported and through which ports and airports country-wise and port airports-wise figures;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard to find out whether these imported foreign cars are being used by those who imported them for their own personal use;

(d) the number of cases where it was found that these cars were sold out to others; and

(e) whether any one has been arrested in the past for violation of FERA; and if so, the details thereof in each case; and also the number of such cars confiscated by the FERA and auctioned and also the money derived thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the House.

2646. [*Transferred to 26th August, 1993*]

Balance of Payment Position

26647. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the country's balance of payment position at present;

(b) what are the reasons for increase in the current account deficit during 1992-93;

(c) what steps are taken by Government to improve the balance of payment position; and

(d) what has been the rule of invisibles on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The overall balance of payments position can be measured by the movements in the country's foreign exchange reserves. The foreign currency assets of the RBI which are the most imortant component of the reserves rose from a low of US $ 975 million as on July 12, 1991 to US $ 6.43 billion at the end of March, 1993. During the current financial year so far, there has been a further improvement. The foreign currency assets have risen to US $ 7.00 billion as on August 6, 1993.

(b) During 1992-93 the current account deficit is estimated to have gone up to US $ 5.2 billion from US $ 3.2 billion in 1991-92. This is mainly due to the increase in imports following the relaxation in import compression measures. Also a relatively lower level of receipts in invisibles account contributed to the increase in the current amount balance during 1992-93. The current account deficit during 1992-93, however is lower than the level in 1990-91.

(c) The balance of payment is kept under constant watch and measures are taken to ensure that the external payment position remains stable. Addtional steps being taken by the Government to improve the balance of payments position include further fiscal consolidation to keep inflation down, maintenance of competitive exchange rate, improvement of export infrastructure, removal of export constraints especially for agro-products, further streamlining of trade policy and procedures, ensuring an increase in domestic production of crude oil, encouragement of non-debt creating capital inflows and also mobilisation of exceptional financing from multilateral and bi-lateral sources.

(d) The invisibles account which has been a source of support to the balance of payment in the past has been deteriorating in the recent years. This is mainly due to rising poyments on account of interest payments and stagnating tourism recepits.

Import Duty waste Paper

2648. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paper traders association has demanded that the import duty should not be imposed on waste paper; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken on their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The All India Small Paper Mills Association has requested for abolition of import duty on waste paper. The Association of Waste Merchants and Raw Material Suppliers, on the other hand, has requested for imposition of heavy import duty on waste paper and pulp. The requests are under examination.

Frauds detected by Nationalised Banks

2649. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of frauds detected by Nationalised Banks, bank-wise;

(b) what is the total amount involved in these frauds;

(c) action taken by the Government against those involved in these frauds, and

(d) details of corrective measures taken by the Government to avoid such frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Details regarding total number of frauds reported by 20 Nationalised Banks to RBI during the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 (upto March) and the amount involved therein are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

RBI has reported that frauds have generally occurred in the areas of misappropriation of cash/remittances, fraudulent encashment of negotiable instruments, withdrawal through forged instruments misutilisation or exceeding of discretionary limits, non-observance of prescribed norms